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Commissioner For Patents Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed herewith, please find the following documents and sheets.

- 1. Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time.
- 2. Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on December 1, 2003.

Respectfully submitted On behalf of Applicants,

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